CHURCH HISTORY

Chapter 27 - The Church Is Reformed In Scotland, AD 1557-1570

1. *The Preparation in Scotland*
    a. *During the fifteenth century universities had been founded in St. Andrews, Glasgow, and Aberdeen; but they could not compare in scholarship with the great universities on the Continent. Rumors of the great and strange new things going forward in Germany reached Scotland. Several young Scotchmen visited Luther's university at Wittenberg. When they returned they sowed the seed of Luther's doctrines in the soil of their native country. Others also imported and distributed some of Luther's writings. Tyndale's and Coverdale's English translations of the Bible were circulated. The early Protestants in Scotland met for worship and instruction in private houses*
2. *Calvin's Influence Felt through Knox*
    a. *Gradually, as in France and in the Netherlands, the influence of Calvin overshadowed that of Luther also in Scotland. The transition from Lutheranism to Calvinism took place under George Wishart. However, not Wishart but John Knox was destined to be the great Reformer of Scotland.*
3. *Knox Revolutionizes Scotland*
    a. *The preaching of Knox was like a spark in a keg of gunpowder. Wherever he preached there followed an iconoclastic explosion. Images were broken and monasteries stormed by the mob*
4. *The Church in Scotland Is Organized*
    a. *The Church organized by Calvin in Geneva was extremely influential. It be- came the pattern for the Huguenot Church in France, the Reformed Church in the Netherlands, and the Presbyterian Church in Scotland*
5. *The Church Is Firmly Established*
    a. *Mary, queen of the Scots, was an unyielding Catholic. She was a woman of ability and of great personal charm. In the first three years of her reign she made considerable progress in regaining for the Roman Church the ground that had been lost. But the cause of the Reformation was saved in the end by Queen Mary's mistakes. Her unwise acts and immoral life threw Scotland into confusion and the Roman Catholic Church into disrepute. The leaders as well as the people in general turned to Protestantism. By the year 1570 the Presbyterian Church was firmly established in Scotland.*